

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of | Gilbert RANCOULE et al. |
| Title | REFRACTORY ARTICLE FOR GUIDING OR CONVEYING A SOLIDIFIED MATERIAL AND PROCESS FOR THE MANUFACTURE THEREOF |
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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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In response to the Office Action mailed 29 October 2007, Applicant requests early and favorable action on pending claims 8-20.

Please amend claims 11 and 20 as indicated on the accompanying claim listing.